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- 1. The director of the Szony oil refinery is Vincze Nagy [Redacted Box]
- 2. The chief engineer is Balint Kotka, who worked in Almasfuzito until 1949; an expert [Redacted Box] 50X1-HUM
- 3. The head of the works board is Armin Sebes, a Jewish restaurant owner of Szony; [Redacted Box] 50X1-HUM
- 4. The trade union delegate is Geza Siska; a former Social Democrat; an oil worker of limited experience.
- 5. The Communist Party representative is Vilma Rezetar, a chemical laboratory woman student.
- 6. The production manager is Sandor Ladanyi; a foreman; a young Communist who completed a chemical technology course in 1950.
- 7. There are about 350 employees, of whom 90 are skilled workers; 120 are trained, the rest are helpers. In addition there are 50 officials, chemists, laboratory technicians, assistants, etc. Men's jobs, one after another, have been filled by women, so that at present about 70 percent are women; in the offices and laboratories, 80 percent. The refinery operates in three eight-hour shifts, which go on at 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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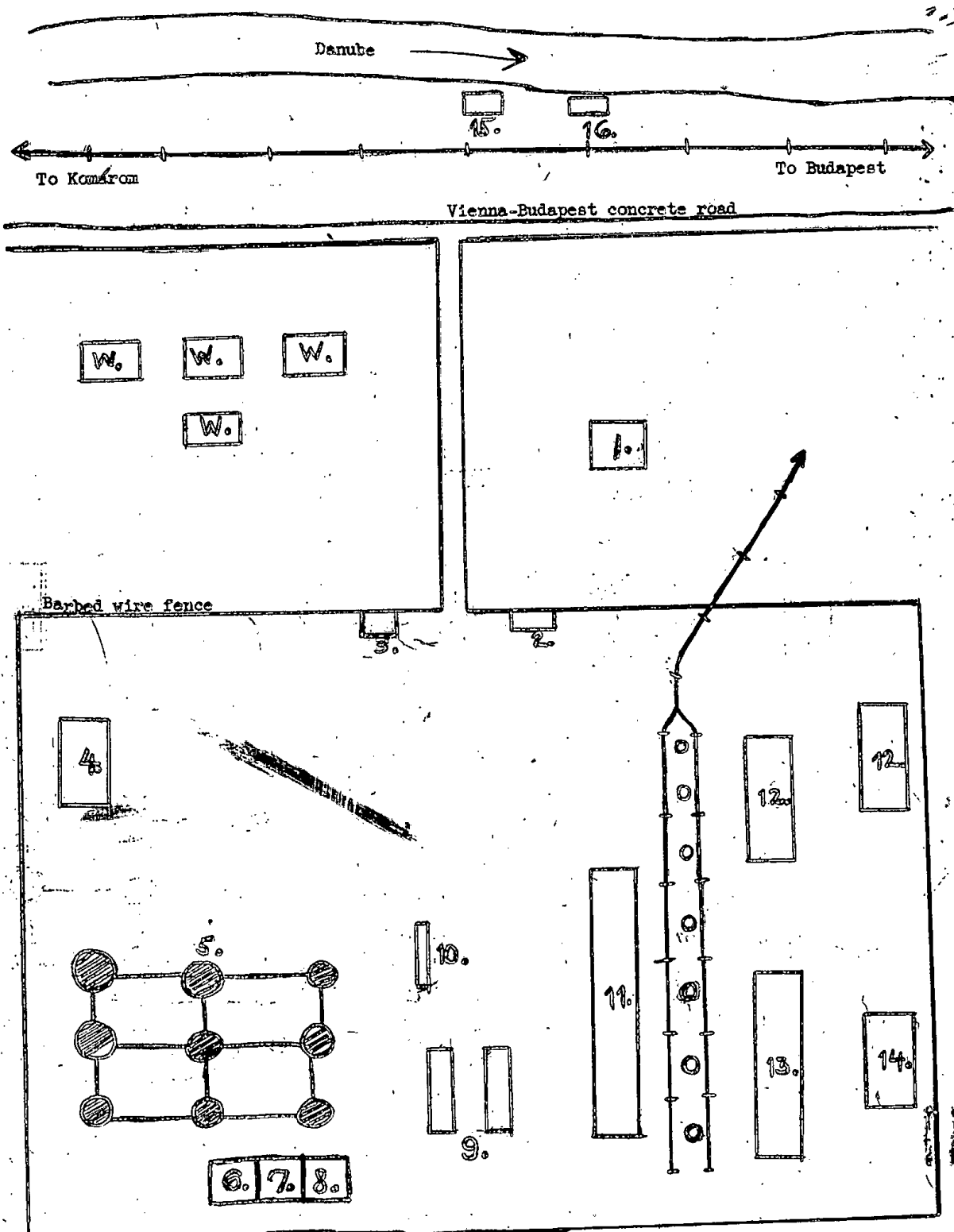
8. Raw oil comes to the refinery by pipe line from Lisse. This underground line enters the refinery in the southwest corner of the works. (See the accompanying sketch of the refinery layout). Raw oil is stored in nine underground tanks, each of which holds 20 carloads. About 2,800 to 3,000 tons are refined monthly. The raw oil yields 35 percent gasoline, 30 percent kerosene, 18 percent Diesel oil, and the rest- fuel oil. The products are shipped by rail or by boat on the Danube.
9. The steam generating plant for heating the stills is inside the refinery. Heating is done with coal, brought from Tata. A standing reserve of about 10 carloads is kept.
10. Electric power comes from the Bányhida central power station, in the form of 220 Volt alternating current. The power lines run past the refinery.
11. The raw oil from Lisse is of low viscosity. The refinery is not equipped for recovering bitumen and paraffin. No lubricating oil is produced.
12. The products are brought to the distribution center in the Budapest-Csepel free port, where their further disposition for use and sale takes place. About 35 percent of the output of light gasoline, Diesel oil and kerosene is turned over "in situ" to a Soviet commission and shipped on Danube cargo boats. These products are tax free, but the certificates of the Soviet commission, the Reparations Office and the Ministry of Power and Mines have to be on record. About 10 percent of the production remains in the refinery to fill allotments for points west of Szony. Private parties have received no allotments since 1949, although they may do so in theory.
13. The refinery has fulfilled the Five-Year plan by 118 percent in three years. In this competition it is behind the Almasfüzitő refinery, which has fulfilled the plan 120 percent. A third still will be installed in 1952, whereby the capacity of the refinery will be increased by 50 percent.
14. It frequently happens that the pipe line from Lisse fails, causing interruptions to the raw oil supply. On this account more reservoirs for oil storage are being built, so that the refinery can have an oil supply for about ten days.
15. The refinery is watched by a plant guard of 36 men. A watch consists of 12 men, who are relieved every 24 hours. There is also a finance guard of eight men which controls the shipment of products.

Encl.: Sketch of Szony oil refinery, 1 page.

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SKETCH OF SZONY OIL REFINERY

1. Two-story administration building; chemical laboratories on the 2nd floor.
2. Guardhouse of the finance guard.
3. Guardhouse of the plant guard; gatekeeper.
4. Two-story building with kitchen, mess halls, movie, Party offices, works boardroom, etc.
5. Underground oil tanks.
6. Oil pumping plant
7. Engine house.
8. Chemical analysis.
9. Stills, 15 m. high.
10. Small still for recovering light gasoline (airplane, clear gasoline).
- 11.-12. Finished products storage.
13. Workshops (carpenter, fitter etc.).
14. Fire brigade; laboratories.
15. Waterworks.
16. Pumphouse, for loading products on shipboard.
- W. Dwellings for office workers

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